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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 5459

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, MASS, MARR, TU, CY
SUBJECT: REACTION TO BYRD AMENDMENT: CONVERSATION WITH DEP
PRIMIN FEYZIOGLU

1. I CALLED ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND GOT "COORDINATOR"
FOR CYPRUS TURHAN FEYZIOGLU EARLY EVENING OF JULY 27 TO DISCUSS
SENATE VOTE AND BYRD AMENDMENT. FEYZIOGLU ON PREVIOUS DAY
HAD TOLD PRESS: "RESULT IS NEITHER AS POSITIVE AS WE WOULD HAVE
LIKED NOR AS NEGATIVE AS ALLEGED BY THOSE WHO TRY TO PICTURE
EVERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT AS TERRIBLE." HE REPEATED THOSE
WORDS AND HANDED ME TWO PAGE DOCUMENT WHICH HE SAID WAS CONSIDERED
POSITION OF HIS PARTY (I.E. RELATIVELY SMALL REPUBLICAN RELIANCE
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PARTY).

2. IN SESSION THAT FOLLOWED HE QUESTIONED ME CLOSELY ABOUT
CONGRESSIONAL PROCEDURES, LIKELY OUTCOME IN HOUSE, AND IN
PARTICULAR MY EVALUATION OF BYRD AMENDMENT. I MADE WHAT
ARE NOW OUR STANDARD (AND APPARENTLY EFFECTIVE) POINTS ON THE
BYRD AMENDMENT, STRESSING THAT EMBARGO WAS LIFTED UNCONDITIONALLY,

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BUT CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS WERE LEVIED ON THE PRESIDENT VIS-A-VIS THE CONGRESS. FEYZIOGLU, IN TURN, ASSERTED THAT ALTHOUGH TURKISH GOVT HAD BADLY NEEDED POLITICAL GESTURE OF CLEAR-CUT, EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE LIFTING OF EMBARGO, HE WAS PLEASED THAT AMENDMENT SUPPORTED DENKTAS-MAKARIOUS AGREEMENT OF FEB 1977 ("THAT WILL MAKE KYPRIANOU SQUIRM"), AND THAT GREECE WAS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AS HAVING ROLE IN FINDING SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM.

3. AT CLOSE, HOWEVER, OF WHAT WAS VERY FRIENDLY AND GOOD-NATURED CONVERSATION, FEYZIOGLU BECAME VERY SERIOUS AND ASKED ME TO REPORT FOLLOWING: IT HAD BEEN DIFFICULT FOR ECEVIT GOVT TO REACT MODERATELY AND POSITIVELY TO LANGUAGE IN AMENDMENT THAT ESTABLISHED LINKAGES ECEVIT HAD EXPRESSLY REJECTED ON MANY OCCASIONS. THERE WERE THOSE IN GOVT WHO HAD WISHED TO MAKE HARSH REJOINDER BUT ECEVIT HAD OVERRULED THEM. IF LANGUAGE COMING OUT OF HOUSE AND INCORPORATED IN FINAL BILL WENT BEYOND BYRD AMENDMENT, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PREVENT REACTION HERE THAT WOULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE OF TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. IN SHORT, BYRD AMENDMENT HAD TO BE LIMIT; GOT COULD NOT GO FURTHER.

4. I TOLD FEYZIOGLU THAT I WAS SURE PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON UNDERSTOOD HIS CONCERNS, BUT THAT I WOULD REPORT FAITHFULLY WHAT HE HAD SAID.

5. COMMENT: FEYZIOGLU HAS BEEN POLITICAL RIVAL, BUT REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL

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CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF ECEVIT (VERY UNUSUAL IN TURKEY). I TAKE HIS WORDS SERIOUSLY. GOT HAS DECIDED IT CAN LIVE WITH T OF BYRD AMENDMENT, BUT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GO ANY FURTHER.
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